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there be any difference between the pay of the Superintendent, Cash and Current section in the Legislature Secretariat, and the Assistant Superintendent in the Secretariat?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Obviously the difficulty arises because the holder of the post is called a Superintendent."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" Are the duties of the Superintendent of the Cash and Current section in any way different from those of the Assistant Superintendent in such sections in other departments of the Secretariat?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" Yes, Sir."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what the difference is?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" The nature of the work differs, and that is easy to see."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" The designation implies that the Superintendent has to do cash and current work and other Superintendents also do the same kind of work. Where is the difference?"

THE HON. SRI B. GOPALA REDDI :—" This Superintendent does only cash work. The other Superintendents do noting and other arduous work."

State buses run by the Government in the City of Madras.

* 7 *Q*.—SRI P. VIRABHADRASWAMI : Will the Hon. the Minister for Prohibition be pleased to state—

(*a*) the number of State buses run by the Government in the City of Madras;

(*b*) what is their total cost;

(*c*) the income they are fetching and the expenditure incurred under different heads as (i) salaries of the drivers, conductors and cleaners, (ii) petrol and lubricating oils, (iii) spare parts, and (iv) other miscellaneous expenses, monthwar; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to put on the roads in the City some more buses to relieve the congestion in the existing buses and trams?

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" (*a*) Out of 30 buses, 26 are now running in Madras City, 2 are in reserve and 2 will be put on the road shortly.

" (*b*) The cost of the 30 chassis is Rs. 2,30,705–12–0. The actual cost of body building has not yet been definitely settled. The estimated expenditure on the building of bodies was Rs. 1,51,000. Including the additional expenditure for extra fittings, the total expenditure on body building for all the 30 vehicles is estimated at Rs. 2,00,000.

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	RS.	A.	P.
" (*c*) Income derived from bus service—			
For March 1947, i.e., from 24th to 31st March 1947 for six buses .. .	4,950	2	6
For April 1947, for six buses from 1st to 11th April 1947, eight buses from 12th to 18th April 1947 and nine buses from 19th to 30th April 1947	25,576	10	6
For May 1947 (i.e., from 1st to 25th May 1947). For 10 vehicles from 1st to 13th May 1947. For 12 vehicles from 14th to 25th May 1947.	26,868	11	9

" The monthwar expenditure incurred under the various heads—

	March.			April.		
	RS.	A.	P.	RS.	A.	P.
(i) Salaries of drivers, conductors and cleaners	1,025	5	0	3,322	5	0
(ii) Petrol and lubricating oils	1,300	0	0	5,500	0	0
(iii) Spare parts	Nil			100	0	0
(iv) Other miscellaneous expenses	Nil			200	0	0
	2,325	5	0	9,122	5	0

Information for the month of June, July and August is not readily available but is being collected.

" (*d*) Yes."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Is the business run at a loss or profit? "

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" For the three months, March, April and May, the income is Rs. 57,395–8–9 and the expenditure, Rs. 11,447–10–0. The balance is Rs. 45,947–14–9."

Mr. PRESIDENT :—" The expenditure of Rs. 11,447–10–0 is only for March and April, and not for May."

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Yes, Sir. Perhaps the expenditure for May has not been calculated."

Dr. V. K. JOHN :—" Have you made an estimate? "

The Hon. Mr. DANIEL THOMAS :—" No balance sheet can be prepared in the first two or three months."

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DR. V. K. JOHN :—" May I know whether the fares have been reduced for the benefit of the public?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" The fares have not been reduced."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" May I know whether the Government propose to commandeer the City buses which are roadworthy and expedite the process of nationalisation? "

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" Orders have been placed for about 150 vehicles and they are expected to arrive in Madras in October, November and December. Meanwhile negotiations are being carried on with private operators for taking over roadworthy vehicles on some basis. It is not yet known whether the operators have agreed to this arrangement."

SRI C. N. MUTHURANGA MUDALIYAR :—" The Government can commandeer buses, if they want."

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" It is not proposed to commandeer old, secondhand buses, when we are in a position to order for new vehicles. But we do not want to throw these operators out of the field without some arrangement for taking over such buses as they are willing to hand over to Government at a reasonable price."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know when the Hon. Minister expects to put a few more buses on the road?"

THE HON. MR. DANIEL THOMAS :—" In the month of October, Sir."

Quota of mill cloth allotted to this Province.

* 8 *Q.*—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Industries be pleased to state—

(*a*) what the quota of mill cloth allotted to this Province is and what quantity of the same is imported from Bombay and other Provinces;

(*b*) whether these quotas are being regularly received;

(*c*) what arrangements have been made for purchase and despatch from importing centres;

(*d*) whether it is a fact that due to civil disturbances in the importing centres the removal of the Madras quota is delayed;

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the Textile Commissioner, Bombay, has given notice to arrange for the removal of the quota and that otherwise Madras should be prepared to forego it; and

(*f*) what steps have been taken by the Government to ensure regular movement of quota?

THE HON. SRI H. SITARAMA REDDI :—" (*a*) The average quantity of mill cloth allotted to this Province is 8,966 bales (each bale containing 1,500 yards) per month. Out of this